

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 22, 2017

Mr. Scott Pruitt
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

I am pleased to support the City of Milwaukee's application for Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan funding through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. WIFIA program funding will allow the City of Milwaukee to improve its deteriorating sewer and storm water management systems.

The current sewer system serving almost 600,000 Milwaukee residents has aged and reached its useful life. It is my understanding that aging sewers can have defects and deterioration that allow for sanitary sewage to leak into the ground water, which can have negative environmental effects. With approved WIFIA funding the City will make overall changes consisting of storm sewer rehabilitation and replacement projects, inflow and infiltration reduction projects, and storm water quality projects. Through these projects, the City will be able to provide residents and businesses with reliable sewer services and ultimately minimize pollution and runoff into Lake Michigan and other waterways. A functioning sewage and storm water management system is essential to municipalities, so maintaining and improving a system that serves its residents is crucial.

I strongly support programs that promote the well-being of our Wisconsin communities. For this reason I ask that you give full and fair consideration to the City of Milwaukee's application. Please keep Jessica Sielaff in my Madison office updated on the progress of this application and contact her should you have further questions or concerns. She may be reached at 30 West Mifflin Street, Suite 700, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, by phone at 608-264-5338, or by email at projects_grants@baldwin.senate.gov. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator